Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—What was the reason in not placing this item before the Council before?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The necessary preliminaries took some time.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Why is not the final payment made yet?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It has not been check-measured.

Trichur Town Hall—Construction of.

128. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the names of contractors who tendered for the Trichur Town Hall construction with the tender reductions offered by them;

(2) to whom was the contract given and the reason for giving it to him;

(3) the estimated cost of the work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon,—

(1) 1. Mr. K. V. Ayyappan at 5 per cent less than the estimated rates

2. „ A. L. Lonappan at 7¾ do
3. „ M. K. Kunju Ezhuthassan at 10¾ do
4. „ V. K. Narayanan Ezhuthassan at 10½ do
5. „ Naickan Raman Bhadran at 9¾ do
6. „ N. O. Inasu at 10 do
7. Messrs. T. Namberumal Chetty and Sons at estimated rates.
8. Mr. C. D. Chakko at 5¼ per cent less than the estimated rates
9. „ K. V. Inasu at 7½ do
10. „ Messrs. V. R. Ranade & Sons Ltd., at 11 do

(2) Mr. N. O. Inasu at 11 per cent less than the estimated rates. He was considered to be the most suited among the contractors in the State for being entrusted with the work.

(3) Rs. 1,22,000.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I suppose Mr. Inasu's connection with the Companies recently patronised by the Government

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is not one of the considerations which made him one of the most suited to do this work?

Mr. President.—Government must emphatically repudiate the suggestion contained in that question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—They may repudiate it, but I have asked a definite question.

Mr. President.—I have answered specifically the suggestion contained in the Hon'ble Member's question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Thank you, Sir.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Were Messrs. M. K. Kunju Ezhuthassan and V. K. Narayanan Ezhuthassan consulted before this tender was given to Mr. Inasu?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have already explained to the Council in connection with a cut motion that we could not have entrusted the work to Mr. Narayanan Ezhuthassan as he was at that time doing a work costing about 60 thousand rupees. Mr. M. K. Kunju Ezhuthassan could not have been in any case entrusted with the work.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—What is the financial position of Messrs. Ranade & Sons? Are they not in a position to take up the work? Are not they big railway contractors?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is absolutely no reflection on their ability to do the work. They are quite capable.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was not the work taken up by Narayanan Ezhuthassan practically closed when this work was started?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No, Sir.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is not the work completed now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What more work has he to do to complete the work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—About 70 per cent of the work has been done.

Talapalli Magistrate's Court—Housing of.

129. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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